The most important factor in investing is TIME.

Why should you invest now? Surely you will be able to afford it more in a few years . . .

INVESTOR "I will start now"

PROCRASTINATOR "I'll start later"

Year	Annual Deposit	Deposit + Interest @ 8%	Annual Deposit	Deposit + Interest @ 8%
1	\$2,000	\$2,160.00	-0-	\$0.00
2	\$2,000	4,492.80	-0-	\$0.00
3	\$2,000	7,012.22	-0-	\$0.00
4	\$2,000	9,733.20	-0-	\$0.00
5	\$2,000	12,671.86	-0-	\$0.00
6	\$2,000	15,845.61	-0-	\$0.00
7	\$2,000	19,273.26	-0-	\$0.00
8	\$2,000	22,975.12	—0—	\$0.00
9	\$2,000	26,973.12	—0—	\$0.00
10	\$2,000	31,290.97	—0—	\$0.00
11	—0—	33,794.25	\$2,000	\$2,160.00
12	—0—	36,497.79	\$2,000	4,492.80
13	—0—	39,417.62	\$2,000	7,012.22
14	—0—	42,574.03	\$2,000	9,733.20
15	—0—	45,976.71	\$2,000	12,671.86
16	—0—	49,654.84	\$2,000	15,845.61
17	—0—	53,627.23	\$2,000	19,273.26
18	—0—	57,917.41	\$2,000	22,975.12
19	—0—	62,550.80	\$2,000	26,973.12
20	—0—	67,554.87	\$2,000	31,290.97
21	—0—	72,956.26	\$2,000	35,954.25
22	—0—	78,796.00	\$2,000	40,990.59
23	—0—	85,099.68	\$2,000	46,429.84
24	—0—	91,907.65	\$2,000	52,304.23
25	—0—	99,260.26	\$2,000	58,648.57
26	—0—	107,201.09	\$2,000	65,500.45
27	—0—	115,777.17	\$2,000	72,900.49
28	—0—	125,039.35	\$2,000	80,892.53
29	—0—	135,042.49	\$2,000	89,523.93
30	—0—	145,845.89	\$2,000	98,845.84
31	—0—	157,513.56	\$2,000	108,913.51
32	—0—	170,114.65	\$2,000	119,786.59
33	—0—	183,723.82	\$2,000	131,529.52
34	—0—	198,421.73	\$2,000	144,211.88
35	—0—	214,295.47	\$2,000	157,908.83
36	—0—	231,439.10	\$2,000	172,701.54
37	—0—	249,954.23	\$2,000	188,677.66
38	—0—	269,950.57	\$2,000	205,931.87
39	—0—	291,546.62	\$2,000	224,566.42
40	—0—	314,870.34	\$2,000	244,691.74

Getting started is the most important step in investing. Get in the habit of investing NOW, while you are young.